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In re application of:

David Harrow GELFAND, et al.

Application No.: 10/052,417

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For: THERMOSTABLE DNA
POLYMERASES INCORPORATING
NUCLEOSIDE TRIPHOSPHATES
LABELED WITH FLUORESCEN
FAMILY DYES

Customer No.: 41504

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 25, 2008, please enter the following amendments and remarks. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and a petition for a one-month extension of time, from December 21, 2008 (two months after the filing of the Notice of Appeal) through January 21, 2009 accompany this Amendment. A Declaration filed under 37 CFR § 1.132 of Dr. Nancy Schoenbrunner (hereinafter referred to as the "Schoenbrunner Declaration") also accompanies this Amendment.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.